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a melted and cured powder coating on the base element, the coating having a first substantially consistent thickness at the first and second sides and a second substantially consistent thickness at the edge regions, the first and second thicknesses being different from one another.

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Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) The corrosion-resistant coated and cured strap in accordance with claim 16 wherein the coating has a greater thickness at about the pair of opposing edge regions and about the regions of the first and second sides adjacent to the pair of opposing edge regions than on remaining surfaces of the first and second sides therein defining a dog-bone profile.

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) The corrosion-resistant strap in accordance with claim 16 wherein the first thickness of the coating is about 0.2 thousandths of an inch to about 5.0 thousandths of an inch.

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Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) The corrosion-resistant strap in accordance with claim 20 wherein the first thickness of the coating is about 0.6 thousandths of an inch to about 1.2 thousandths of an inch.

Please amend claim 22 as follows:

22. (Amended) The corrosion-resistant strap in accordance with claim 21 wherein the first thickness of the coating is about 0.8 thousandths of an inch.